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To,
Dr. Iqbal Singh Chahal (I.A.S.),
Municipal Commissioner,
Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation,
Fort, Mumbai

Sub: Suggestion for improving AQI guidelines

Respected Sir,

We at CREDAI-MCHI share in your belief that Mumbai and its citizens must have access to better air quality. While we fully support the state and stand with you on this cause, we would like to submit some of our suggestions to implement your instructions in an effective and sustainable way.

As per the data from IMD on 6th October to 10th October a phenomenal call of anticyclone, wherein large scale circulation of wind with high atmospheric pressure caused solid particulate matters to get trapped within Mumbai's troposphere, causing a measure spike in the AQI.

Action on October 17th the tropical disturbance by way of cyclone Tej was confirmed by the IMD and possibility of rains in Mumbai and Konkan belt forewarned. As per IMD, it is expected the said cyclone to disperse from 23rd October and AQI as forecasted to reduce to close to 100.

Having said this, CREDAI-MCHI would humbly suggest the following steps for improving air quality to Mumbai even further;

- CREDAI-MCHI shall encourage the developers to ensure sprinkling of water twice a day, during construction/demolition activities on the site.
- CREDAI-MCHI shall encourage the developers to sprinkle water before and during the excavation to increase moisture contents.
- CREDAI-MCHI ensure developers to use ready-mix concrete (RMC) to eliminate the need for onsite material storage and mixing reducing air pollution on the site.
- The developers shall isolate areas meant for stone cutting and grinding activities.
- The developers shall ensure through their staff at site to wash the vehicle tires and carriage sections at designated areas before it leaves the site.
- The developers shall dispose construction and demolition waste at designated areas only. CREDAI-MCHI suggest that the project near the completion shall be exempted from the requirement of covering of entire building with green net/ jute sheets covering as there is minimal dust particles post completion of the RCC work.

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- vii. In the cases where existing barricading on the construction plot, the developer shall use Green Net/Jute Sheets to increase the height of the barricading to 35 ft./25 ft. basis on the height of the buildings. This will ensure maximum arrest of the dust from the construction sites.
- viii. A lean to roof 2ft. cantilever section of green net on the inward side of the construction site, as suggested to filter out emission of the dust from the site.
- ix. In the event of any complaint received by the BMC, regarding construction site, not adhering the guidelines, we would suggest to involve CREDAI-MCHI to facilitate co-ordination rather than resorting to punitive actions by BMC.
- x. As per your instructions CREDAI-MCHI will encourage the developers for installation of CCTV cameras at entry and exit gates along with vehicles tire washing arrangements.
- xi. CREDAI-MCHI shall encourage developers to submit the weekly report that includes the photos of construction sites demonstrating adherence to the guidelines of BMC.

We sincerely hope that these suggestions will be given due consideration before finalizing the guidelines. CREDAI-MCHI stands in solidarity with BMC in our joint efforts to ensure clean and clear air for the residents of our city.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
For CREDAI-MCHI



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